



“My partners and I have been associated with Spelman’s financial affairs for nearly 20 years. We have been very much aware of the College’s needs, including facilities, faculty salaries and more; however, we noted that Spelman was radically short of educational funds, so naturally we gravitated toward scholarships in order to attract the very best – regardless of need.”

Ted Aronson, Spelman College Board of Trustees, on his \$5 million gift that inspired an additional \$2 million in scholarship support



“It is only when Spelman sisters stand up and are counted for their financial contributions in support of the ideals and values that we love so much about Spelman, that we can seriously leverage our ability to compete for matching funds and corporate support. Although the amount of your contribution is important, it is equally important that every Spelman Alumna give a contribution of at least \$10 each year. This gives a visual picture of alumnae participation to corporate sponsors. A high percentage of alumnae giving shows corporate sponsors that we believe in Spelman College. We must show that we believe in Spelman first, as you cannot sell a product unless you first believe in it. Spelman’s financial success is our product.”

*Sharon Owens, C’76, at the Reunion 2006
Spelman Donor Appreciation Reception*



“Through these roles (as student telefund manager and committee member for the student campaign), I have learned important lessons about leadership and service and the responsibility of giving back . . . Students and young alumnae, we must do our part and follow the example that you (alumnae in the audience) have provided for us. You are our role models and it is an honor for me to thank you for your generosity.”

*Chanel Hampton, C'2006 at the Reunion
2006 Spelman Donor Appreciation Reception*



“The exposure, nurturance and guidance provided by Spelman proved invaluable in pursuing my career as an attorney. A Spelman education enhanced my academic knowledge but, more importantly, exposed me to past and present struggles for social justice and to all kinds of people who broadened my perspective and strengthened my social consciousness. The success I have attained, in part due to my Spelman degree, is priceless.”

Launice P. Sills, C'80, parent and President's Society, on the value of a Spelman education



“My greatest wish has always been that the Centennial Class give Spelman a gift of \$100,000. For our 25th class reunion, classmate Kim Brown kicked off our fund-raising efforts by donating \$25,000 plus a matching gift from her company. Following her lead, my classmates not only met this goal but surpassed it by giving Spelman a gift of \$111,686 on her 125 birthday. I hope the class of 1981 and the class of 1956 (the Golden Girls) have started a trend, and that every class will reach deep in their pockets and give gifts exceeding \$100,000 each year.”

Cynthia Jackson, C'81, on the Centennial Class' 25th Reunion Gift



“I have always been passionate about inspiring and educating young people. Supporting Spelman College’s efforts to create confident women who will one day be philanthropic leaders made it a perfect fit.”

Candy Berman, president of Candy Berman & Associates, on her reasons for supporting Spelman